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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS FOR BELLSOUTH'S AMENDMENT TO PETITION FOR WAIVER OF CEI REQUIREMENTS

CC DOCKET NO. 01-288

COMMENTS DUE: **March 15, 2002**

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: **March 26, 2002**

On February 22, 2002, BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth) filed an amendment to its pending petition for waiver of the Commission's Comparably Efficient Interconnection (CEI) requirements that was filed on September 27, 2001. BellSouth's September 27, 2001 petition sought a waiver to allow it to provide non-local, operator assisted and electronic reverse directory services on an integrated basis without complying with the CEI requirements. Reverse directory assistance (DA) is considered "nonlocal" whenever a customer requests the name and/or address of an individual or business outside the customer's home LATA or area code by providing a telephone number. In its amendment, BellSouth expands its original waiver request in order to provide additional reverse DA services on an integrated basis without complying with the CEI requirements. Specifically, BellSouth proposes to enhance its Direct Access to Directory Assistance Service (DADAS) offering, which is a federally tariffed service that allows operators of competing DA providers to access BellSouth-owned DA databases, to provide the capability to search by telephone number to obtain a name, address, or both, and to expand its operator-assisted reverse DA service and Electronic White Pages Service (EWPS) by adding the capability to search by all or part of a street address or range of street addresses.

BellSouth also filed on February 22, 2002 a request for special temporary authority, pending action on its waiver request, to provide these additional DA services on an integrated basis without complying with the Commission's CEI requirements.

Interested parties may file comments on the Petition for waiver on or before **March 15, 2002** and reply comments on or before **March 26, 2002**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS") or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to: <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number of this proceeding. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form<your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties that choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies. Parties are notified that effective December 18, 2001, the Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will

receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at a new location in downtown Washington, DC. The address is 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location will be 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

This facility is the only location where hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary will be accepted. Accordingly, the Commission will no longer accept these filings at 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. In addition, this is a reminder that, effective October 18, 2001, the Commission discontinued receiving hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings for the Secretary at its headquarters location at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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